GROOOAR
CHAPTER 5: DRAGON MEAT AND THE FOX GIRL'S PUNISHMENT
KABOOM

KNOCK
KNOCK
Chack
COMING... Fwah~
TATSUYA! WE'RE BACK!
WHOA!
TATSUYA-SAMA! ♡ IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU, TATSUYA-SAMA! ♡
I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH! ♡
GLOMP

OH, IT'S YOU TWO...
YOU TWO DON'T EVEN HAVE A SCRATCH ON YOU. THAT'S A RELIEF.
I THINK SOME MAPS MIGHT NEED TO BE REDRAWN AFTER THAT KINDA DESTRUC-TION~
SERI-OUSLY?
WELL, IT NEVER STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST US. ♡
ON THAT NOTE, REGARDING THE REWARD FOR THE EVIL CYCLOPS...
THEY SAY IT MAY BE AS MUCH AS 50 THOUSAND GOLD.
HA HA!
THAT'S CRAZY! I CAN'T EVEN TAKE IT SERIOUSLY WHEN THE NUMBERS GET THAT BIG!
And yet it's still only 50 thousand yen in offerings!
AH.

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
GUYS, LET'S JUST STEP ASIDE FOR A SECOND...
HUH? WHY?
W-WELL, THERE'S A SCARY DUDE GLARING RIGHT AT ME...
STARE
...
IS THIS THE GUY?
IS THIS HIM, MARIA?
Crap.
He's mad.
SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE...
U-UM...
Stutter
Stutter
I'M JUST A REGULAR LANKY GUY.
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE A TANK LIKE HIM?

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MARIA...
WAS BORN TO NOBILITY IN THE MAGIC REALM, BUT SHE WAS SOON ABANDONED. SHE'S SPECIAL, YOU SEE.
I TOOK HER IN AT A YOUNG AGE AND RAISED HER AS MY OWN.
IT'S TIME FOR A LITTLE TEST.
HUH?
FOLLOW ME, BOY.

HOW DID I GET MYSELF INTO THIS?
READY YOUR WEAPON.
CHK

WEA-PON?
BUT ALL I HAVE IS A HOE...
POOF
GEEZ, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY'S DEAL?
CLENCH
A HOE?
LOOK, DON'T YOU DARE MESS WITH...
...

I CAN'T BEAT HIM.

W-WHO THE HELL IS THIS KID?
AT A GLANCE, HE'S FULL OF OPENINGS...
I COULD STRIKE HIM DOWN IN A MERE INSTANT...
OR, SO IT WOULD SEEM.
...
HOWEVER...
SWP
MY SWORD FIGHTING INSTINCTS ARE TELLING ME...!
THAT THE MOMENT I TRY...
WILL BE MY LAST.
Guh...!

I see...
CHNK
I leave Maria in your care.
Despite her looks, she is a delicate girl.
Please, cherish her.
Marcus-sama...
If you're ever in trouble, call me.

Tmp
?!
...?
HEH... I MUST BE GETTING OLD...
I-I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT JUST HAPPENED...
BUT HE SEEMS LIKE A DECENT GUY...

AND SO, WE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE REWARD FOR THE EVIL CYCLOPS TO ANOTHER DAY...
AND WENT TO THE GUILD TO COLLECT YESTERDAY'S PAYMENT.
WE ALSO STOPPED BY A CHOP SHOP ON THE WAY THERE, SINCE THE ARCH-DRAGON WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TRANSPORT WITHOUT OUR STORAGE CHEST.
HEY, KID!
YA NEVER SEEN A CHOP SHOP BEFORE?!
NO, IT'S MY FIRST TIME HERE. IT'S ALL REALLY INTEREST-ING.
And I'm 29, not a kid.
Gah ha ha
WANDERING AROUND HARDWARE STORES, JUST STARING AT ALL THE TOOLS...
IS THE BEST!
Tatsuya, age seven

STILL, WHAT'S AN ADVENTURER LIKE YOU DOING DELIVERING THIS INSTEAD OF THE GUILD?
ARE THEY SKIMPING OUT ON TRANSPORT FEES?
NO, YOU SEE… IT'S A PRETTY LARGE ITEM.
JUST A MOMENT.
POOF
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HUH, A STORAGE BOX…
QUITE THE RARE SKILL YOU'VE GOT THERE.
LOOKS LIKE THEY DIDN'T SKIMP OUT AFTER ALL.
I BET YOU'RE MAKING A DECENT LIVING OUT OF THAT FOR A NOVICE.
HA HA HA…
SO. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR ME?
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHATEVER'S GOT THE GUILD SO WORKED UP!

SQUISH
THREE DEATH HAWKS AND ONE ARCH-DRAGON.
SIR?!
Hee Hee Hee Hee
Ha Ha Ha Ha
fwsh
fwsh
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha

NOW...

GETTING BACK TO OUR DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SLAUGHTER THIS FOX WOMAN...
WHOA, TONE DOWN THE BLOOD-LUST...
OH, WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE OVERCHARGED US FOR CARROTS, ANYWAY!
FIGURES THAT YOU'D SAY THAT...
BE THAT AS IT MAY, SHE MUST STILL FACE PUNISH-MENT.
HMM...
MARIA, YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE MARKET PRICES OF THESE MONSTERS, RIGHT?
YES, I WORKED AS AN ADVENTURER FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
...
WELL, LET'S JUST SEE HOW IT GOES.

IN THAT CASE, WE'LL WAIT FOR THE PALMTOP RABBITS' NEXT CATCH, HAND IT OVER TO ARISA...
IF SHE OFFERS A REASONABLE PRICE...
I THINK WE SHOULD HEAR HER REASONS FOR OVERCHARGING US IN THE PAST AND TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT.
AND IF SHE CHOOSES TO RIP US OFF, WE'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH HER THEN AND THERE.
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
I FEEL THAT YOU'RE BEING RATHER LENIENT WITH HER...
TATSUYA'S A KIND MAN!

There it is... dragon meat!
Whoa...
SWP
Flup
Nom

AHH...
IT'S LIKE TOP-SHELF WAGYU BEEF...
THIS IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE BEST MEAT I'VE EVER HAD.
A5 MEAT DOESN'T EVEN COMPARE...
GULP
ALL THAT'S LEFT...
IS HOW TO SEASON IT.
THE YAKINIKU SAUCE, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD DROWN OUT THE FLAVOR OF THE MEAT ITSELF.
Yakiniku Sauce
I GUESS IT'S BETTER TO GO WITH SIMPLE SEASONING FOR HIGH QUALITY INGREDIENTS LIKE THIS.
SALT AND PEPPER
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Archdragon Shoulder Sirloin Steak (Medium rare)
Ingredients: Archdragon meat
Salt and pepper
THIS IS AMAZING!
LIKE, TOTALLY INSANE!
I MEAN, CRAZY GOOD!
THE SMELL IS INTOXI-CATING!
AND IT'S ONLY HALF-COOKED...

TATSUYA-SAMA, THIS SEASONING IS SIMPLY OUTSTANDING...
Fwsh
YEAH...
IT'S WASABI INFUSED SOY SAUCE.
IT'S THE ONLY REAL OPTION FOR HIGH-GRADE MEAT.
Pinch
RIGHT, LET'S SEE...
Nom
Munch
Munch
Munch

CLAP
IT'S GREAT!
Fwsh
THE WASABI WORKS JUST AS WELL AS I'D HOPED IT WOULD...
I THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING IT AT SALT AND PEPPER, BUT I FIGURED THE HIGH LEVEL OF FAT WOULD MAKE IT TOO RICH...
Come now...
Let's have a drink
PLUS, TODAY...
TATSUYA-SAMA...

DELICIOUS MEAT…
PAIRED WITH RED WINE!
GLUP
GLUP
GLUP
GLUG
GLUG
THIS IS THE BEST!
I CAN FEEL THE WINE WASHING AWAY…
THE FAT STILL COATING MY MOUTH.
OOH, THIS IS TASTY!
I CAN'T STOP DRINKING!
I KNOW, RIGHT?!

Nom
STEAK AND WINE...
THEY JUST KEEP COMING!
GULP
IT'S AN ENDLESS CYCLE!
PINCH
IT'S ALMOST SCARY... BUT I'M NOT STOPPING!

PARDON THE INTRUSION!
SLAM
OH, ARE YA BOOZIN' IT UP? I WANT IN!
HEY, ARISA. I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO STOP BY TODAY.
WELL, I HAD SOME OTHER BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF NEARBY.
SHWP
SO I FIGURED I'D SEE IF YOU WERE COOKIN' UP ANY TREATS!
I MEAN, YOU GOT THE BEST FOOD AROUND.
Now, now.
Glance
WELL, I'VE PREPARED A SPECIAL MENU JUST FOR YOU, ARISA-SAN.
SWP
WHOA, REALLY?!
SPECIAL MENU?

WOW! IS THIS DRAGON MEAT?! GRILLED LIVER, TOO!
EVEN AT THE CAPITAL'S FINEST YA BARELY GET TO SEE FOOD LIKE THIS...
PLEASE, ENJOY. NO NEED TO HOLD BACK.
WE'VE ALSO GOT SOME FINE WINE FOR YOU TO ENJOY.
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP

OKAY, THIS IS WEIRD.
WHY IS SHE BEING SO POLITE NOW AFTER FLIPPING OUT LIKE THAT EARLIER?
SONIA?
HM?
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AROUSED FOR?
TATSUYA, DID YOU KNOW?
ARCH-DRAGON LIVER...
IS DIFFERENT FROM A REGULAR DRAGON'S...
Huh? Damn...

That's weird...
Flap
Flap
Is it me...
Or is it hot in here?
WHAT THE...
IT'S REALLY MORE OF A MAGICAL ITEM.

IF A DEMIHUMAN EATS IT...
IT'LL MAKE THEM GO INTO HEAT~
FIDGET
FIDGET
OH, MY... ARE WE FEELING A LITTLE FLUSHED?
IF YOU'RE HOT, WHY NOT GET THESE CLOTHES OFF?
H-H-HEY... H-HOLD ON A...
I CAN'T JUST T-TAKE THEM OFF HERE...
COME NOW, DON'T BE SHY...
HERE, LET ME HELP YOU.

H-HEY, MARIA...
DON'T FORCE HER TO...
ba
There!
Ploop
Boing

O-OH NO...
NO NO NO...
NOOOOOOOOO!
fwip
MY, I DIDN'T HAVE YOU PEGGED AS THE DELICATE TYPE...
BUT IT SEEMS YOU DO HAVE SOME FEMININE CHARMS, AFTER ALL.
SEE, TATSUYA-SAMA CAN BE RATHER ROUGH...
EVEN THE TWO OF US CAN'T HOLD OUR OWN AGAINST HIM.
SO, THIS SHALL BE YOUR PUNISH-MENT.
BEHOLD TATSUYA-SAMA'S EXCELLENCE, AND COWER IN FEAR!
FWISH
HE HE! ARISA'S JOINING IN TODAY~
SWP

NO!
THAT'S REALLY NOT A GOOD IDEA...
W-WHEN I'M IN HEAT...
GUYS, JUST WAIT A SECOND...
DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT I WANT HERE?

Would you really...
Hate it that much?
I would love nothing more.
So, long story short...
It was a rough night.
After that, Arisa stopped ripping us off for good.

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MISTER TATSUYA...
Creak
Stagger
YOU'RE... TOO MUCH...
AND INSTEAD...
SHE STARTED BEGGING ME FOR GRILLED DRAGON LIVER EVERY TIME SHE CAME AROUND.